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Diggle et al. : PREVENTING DAMAGE TO WIRE  
Serial No.: 10/723,113 :  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

September 24, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commisioner:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2004. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance, wherein:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper;

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes; and